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JACK DEMPSEY

Chicago.—Jack Dempsey hasn't got a ghost of a chance to win back the heavyweight title but he should not necessarily retire from his exhibition tour, according to the result of a national poll of sports editors and boxing writers announced recently by the United Press.

Two questions were submitted: 1. Do you think Jack Dempsey has a chance to make a serious bid for the heavyweight title this summer? Vote: Yes, 18; No, 62. Total votes 80.

2. Do you think Dempsey should retire from the ring now? Vote: Yes, 32; No, 48. Total votes 80. (Five refused to vote).

In the opinion of an overwhelming majority of boxing critics who participated in the straw vote, Dempsey would be "knocked out" for Max Baerling or Jack Sharkey. A few expressed the belief that Primo Carnera, almost certain to be Dempsey's first opponent if he elects to fight again, would outpoint him. One writer expressed the opinion that "there are at least half a dozen young heavyweights who could defeat Dempsey if they could overcome their awe at being in the same ring with the former champion."

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"So you were in the army during the world war, Izzy? And did you get a commission?"

"Not a penny—and only a dollar a day wages."

"But my dear," stammered Izzy Toothacher as his wife proudly displayed her new hat, "I thought we had agreed since the stock market crash has us so hard, that we would economize."

"To be sure we did," replied Mrs. Toothacher, "and that is just what I've been doing—this hat cost only twenty-five dollars!"

"Twenty-five dollars?" queried the astonished dentist, agitated.

"Do you call that economy?"

"Why, certainly, dear. I went down to the store and canceled the order for that seventy-five dollar suit you were getting and took this in its place."

Here—how did you get that big scratch on your cheek?

She—Oh, when I said goodbye to the young teacher last night he had a pen over his ear.

"Good morning, husband," said the plumber before the party gates, with an ingratiating smile.

"Well here I am, and I haven't got a single dollar."

"Zat so?" inquired St. Peter, gently ransacking himself with his left wing. "Well, I'm sure today."

"You were always doing something wrong on earth, either forgetting them or going to the wrong address, and that's what you've done this time."

"Ma," said little Willie as he came downstairs to breakfast, "somebody was throwing old shoes at our cat last night—I guess she must have got married, or something."

"Hastus, how does day duty folks in these head monstrosities?" he heard some one ask.

"Laws Maundy, don't you know dat much eben? Why, jes' invariable de coupe, same as lak for a dirt funeral, an' den takes it out to de monstrosity an' sho' tles it away!"

It was geography lesson in school.

"Tell me," said the teacher, "where is the capital of England?"

"Please teacher," replied a boy, "I heard dad say most of it was in America and France."

St. Louis Star, expresses the consensus of the majority when he says: "Dempsey remains the greatest attraction in boxing. Any character with box office appeal is entitled to show before the public as long as the public wants to see him."

L. P. Fitzgerald of the Toronto Telegram takes the view that Dempsey is finished, both as a fighter and a drawing card, saying:

"Dempsey is wasting his time and newspaper space as well."

Port Worth, Texas, Press who says:

"If I have one sentiment as to boxing it is a devout hope that Dempsey will quit before he becomes punch drunk. I can imagine no greater tragedy of the ring than to see the great leather pick-pockets off wall paper."

As for Dempsey's retirement, William Abbott, Buffalo Times, expresses the consensus of the majority when he says: "Dempsey has been the idol of millions, and it will be remembered."

If he retires, he will be a patetic figure in the eyes of his followers."

"I'M GOING RIGHT ON," SAYS JACK DEMPSEY

Chicago, Ill.—There is one big man in the boxing world who is certain that Jack Dempsey still could come back.

It was the old Manassas mauler himself.

Surrounded by his faithful old friends, Jerry ("The Greek") Long, Eddie, and his closest friends, Dempsey carefully digested all the accounts of his whirlwind four-round exhibition against "King" Levinzky at the Chicago Stadium, read the almost unanimous opinion of the experts that Levinzky has won, and then smiled.

"So they think I'm through again, eh," Dempsey blurted out, "but I'm not going back yet. I'll be back. I'll meet Levinzky in ten rounds with six ounce gloves, instead of ten ounce gloves. I still think the regulation box gloves are."



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